

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

TUESDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MS JUSTICE G.ROHINI

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WRIT PETITION NO : 17831 of 2004

Between:

Guthula Venkateswara Rao S/o Nageswar Rao
R/o Nimkayala Kothapalli Uppala Guntam Mandal, East Godavari District

..... PETITIONER

AND

- 1 The Superintendent of Police Srikakulam District, Srikakulam
- 2 The Superintendent of Police, Vizianagaram, Vizianagaram District
- 3 The Superintendent of Police, Visakhapatnam, Visakhapatnam District
- 4 The Superintendent of Police, East Godavari, East Godavari District
- 5 The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Kakinada, East Godavari District
- 6 The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Amalapuram, East Godavari District
- 7 The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Ramachandrapuram, West Godavari

District

- 8 The Deputy Superintendent of Police Rajamundry East Godavari District
- 9 The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Peddapuram, East Godavari District

.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue Writ or direction particularly in the nature of Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ declaring the action of the respondents in interfering with the exhibition of the skill games such as a ring throw (b) Ball Box (c) video games (d) dart throw and (e) steel games, by the petitioner as illegal, void without power and jurisdiction and also contravention of Section 15 of the A.P. Gaming Act, 1974.

Counsel for the Petitioner: MR.V.R.AVULA

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR HOME

The Court at the admission stage made the following:

ORDER:

This writ petition is filed seeking a declaration that the action of the respondents in interfering with the exhibition of the skill games such as a) ring throw, b) ball box c) video games d) dart throw and e) steel games by the petitioner, is illegal and arbitrary.

The contention of the petitioner is that he is running skill games, but the respondents are interfering with his business without there being any justifiable reason.

Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner as well as the learned Government Pleader for Home appearing for the respondents, the writ petition is disposed of directing the respondents not to interfere with the activities being carried out by the petitioner as long as the activities of the petitioner are in accordance with law. However, if the activities being carried out by the petitioner are found in violation of the provisions of the A.P. Gaming Act or any other law which is in force in the State, the respondents are at liberty to proceed against the petitioner in accordance with law. No costs.

05.10.2004

To

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